

## COMMANDER PEARY AND HIS FAMILY

arrive at Chateau Bay, Labrador, waiting must suffice.

**First Word of Success.**  
First word of Peary's success reached New York at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon in a dispatch to the Associated Press. It contained the bare announcement of his finding the pole. Almost simultaneously he had transmitted the news to London, repeating dramatically and simply "Stars and Stripes nailed to the North Pole." At the same time he similarly advised Governor of New York, and both the Old and the New World were thus apprised of his great achievement practically at the same moment, and the excitement which followed attests to the high pitch of interest aroused over this climax of man's perseverance. Newspapers, and those who read from the press, and those who read marveled at the twist of the universe which had snatched the ice mask from the north in so strange a manner.

Like Dr. Cook's first message, Peary's was tantalizing in its brevity, leaving the waiting public, stimulated by Cook's success, was left unsatisfied. For, as did Dr. Cook, Peary resumed his homeward voyage yesterday after filing the curt news of discovery.

A few words were added to this meagre information at 2:30 P. M., when this additional information, sent to Herbert L. Bridgman, of Brooklyn, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, was made public:  
"Hole reached. Roosevelt safe."  
(Signed) "PEARY."

This gave assurance that the vessel in which Peary departed had passed through the ice unscathed, but details of his homecoming and the date of the discovery of the pole were still lacking. It was not until the New York Times had received a special cable in the afternoon, that these vital points were cleared up. The message said:  
"I have the pole—April 6. Expect arrive Chateau Bay September 7. With this information at hand, it was a comparatively simple matter to ascertain that the April 6 referred to was April of the present year, as his expedition did not start from New York until July 1, 1908.

**Cardinal Dates.**  
April 6, 1909—the date that Peary planted the flag at the pole—and April 21, 1908, the day that Dr. Cook announced the South Pole, a year before, consequently become the cardinal dates upon which exploration of the far North will rest hereafter. Though separated by nearly a year, the same feat was accomplished by two Americans, neither of whom was aware of the movements of the other.  
Cook says that he found no traces of Peary in the moving ice, and according to word which was received here through Captain Robert Bartlett, of Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, late tonight, Peary likewise found no signs of his reputed predecessor. However, this phase of Peary's expedition will not be thoroughly cleared up until a statement is obtained from his own lips.

Just as Dr. Cook notified his wife, so Commander Peary took advantage of the brief stop at Indian Harbor to assure Mrs. Peary of his safety. When this message almost overlooked during a day of excitement over his achievement, reached New York tonight from South Harspwell, New England, Mrs. Peary has been spending the summer. It contained both a touch of pathos and a quaint reference to his success. "I have not told you," she wrote, "but I have the old pole. Am well; with love. Will wire again from Chateau."

The message is signed simply "Bert," an abbreviation of Robert, Commander Peary's first name.  
Mrs. Peary sent a wife's choice reply, with love and a blessing and a request for him to "hurry home."

**Another Coincidence.**  
By another strange coincidence in this chapter of coincidences, Mrs. Cook, who was in South Harspwell, N. E., when she received the first news of her husband's success. Both she and Mrs. Peary had gone for months without word of their husbands, but had traveled and prayed, first for their safe return, and secondly, it may be guessed, for the planting of the flag at the pole.

It is noted, generally, however, that the homecoming of the two explorers at the same time, will afford an opportunity for the comparison of records never heretofore presented. For 400 years, man has struggled to reach the pole, and now two Americans bring back with them the chronicles of their discovery and observations of the land of mysteries. Cook's achievement has been questioned, and he has been charged by staunch supporters of Commander Peary with conduct unethical for what they termed his following in secrecy a route which Peary had in view. Each faction now, however, has its laurels, and with an anxiety bated, the world at large will profit therefrom.

Chateau Bay, on the coast of Labrador, is about fifty miles north of Cape North, Newfoundland, forty miles west of St. John's, and about thirty miles south of Battle Harbor, on the Labrador coast. The ships of two settlements lines touch at Chateau Bay, a small fishing village with less than 100 inhabitants. The distance from Chateau Bay to St. John's, Newfoundland, is 331 miles. Indian Harbor is about 160 miles north of Chateau Bay.

## PEARY'S PROPHECY

His Words of Three Years Ago Fulfilled by Achievement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6.—"Should an American first of all place the Stars and Stripes at the coveted spot, there is not an American citizen at home or abroad, and there are millions of us, but would feel a little better and a little prouder of being an American and just that much more in earnest of pride and patriotism to millions would of itself alone be

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worth ten times the cost of obtaining the pole."

Commander Robert E. Peary almost three years ago thus prophetically outlined his view of the value and interest attached to the achievement. He announced in dispatches to-day, the penetration of the frozen heart of the Arctic circle, the news of Peary's feat following close upon the heels of Dr. Cook's planting of the American flag on the same spot, evoked enthusiastic plaudits in Washington. Everywhere among army and navy officers and scientists, and official Washington generally, only words of praise were spoken for Commander Peary.

**Making Epochs.**  
"Such wonderful achievements as this make epochs in the history of the world," declared Captain Veeder, in charge of the United States Naval Observatory, "and I have no doubt that this discovery will add immeasurably to the sum of human knowledge."  
Peary adds still another name to the long list of American heroes," said Professor Asaph Hall, of the Observatory.

Those persons who had associated with Peary here spoke of him to-day as a man of wonderful capacity for doing things, and they instantly accepted the statement that he had discovered the pole.

They expected him to eventually win in his struggle, and so it was a surprise to them when word came that he had succeeded.

The courses taken by Commander Peary and by Dr. Cook did not differ very materially, according to Professor Henry Gannett, the geographer.  
"It seemed to me that Peary was being delayed when he left a year or so ago," said Professor Gannett, who is an old friend of Peary.

"Peary's plan was to get up to the northeastern cape of Greenland, where he made his former headquarters, before the ice closed in. He had been previously to the vicinity of Lady Franklin Bay, and then northward along the coast for quite a distance before proceeding away from land and striking out for the pole. I should say he took about the same course this time. Dr. Cook started at Etah, or a place near there, and crossed over into Grinnell Land to some point on the north coast near where Peary started. Grinnell and Grinnell Land form the same body of land. I think that Cook left Greenland a little farther west than Peary did. Their courses, however, seem to have varied little."

**His Work Crowned.**  
Peary's attainment of the pole crowns the work of expeditions that has led for a number of years to the actual discovery. It was in 1906, when by means of the little Arctic steamer, Roosevelt, and by journeying on sledges he succeeded in reaching 87 degrees 6 seconds north latitude.

This was accomplished on April 21, 1906, after a zigzag journey in the Arctic Ocean, and two years to a day before Dr. Cook is said to have reached the pole. He regarded that expedition as simplifying the attainment of the pole by 80 percent, and his failure to reach the pole then was attributed by him to the fact that the winter was not a normal one, being unusually open, and that throughout the Northern Hemisphere. He believed that he could have reached the pole then, in spite of the open season, if he had known when he actually had been northward as he subsequently knew them, for he would have modified his route and made a different disposition of his sledges.

An explorer following in his steps and profiting by his experiences on the last expedition, according to Commander Peary, could not only reach the pole, but could make deep sea soundings throughout the central Polar Ocean and delineate the unknown gap in the northeast coast line of Greenland, and Cape Morris Jesup to Cape Bismarck.

Commander Peary's last public appearance at Washington was when President Roosevelt presented to him on December 15, 1908, the Hubbard medal of the National Geographic Society at the annual banquet of the society. It was then that Peary declared that man and the Eskimo dogs are the only two mechanisms that could meet all the contingencies of Arctic work.

"For over three centuries the world has dreamed of solving the mystery of the North," said Commander Peary on that occasion addressing President Roosevelt. "God willing, I hope that



HAND OF ESKIMOS GOING WITH EXPLORER ON SLEDGE JOURNEY.



MISS MARIE PEARY, BORN ON ONE OF HER FATHER'S ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS.



PEARY'S MOTHER AND CHILDREN.



PEARY WITH HIS DOGS ON DECK OF THE ROOSEVELT.

## GREAT EXPLORER OF FROZEN NORTH

For Many Years Peary Has Probed Mysteries of Arctic Region

Robert E. Peary, the famous explorer, was born in Pennsylvania on May 6, 1856. He comes really from an old family of Maine lumbermen, and inherits his genius for adventure. When he was three years of age Peary's mother removed with him to Maine on account of his father's death.

In 1879 he was given a place in the Coast and Geodetic Survey at Washington. In 1881 he passed an examination as civil engineer and entered the United States Navy Department.

Way back in 1886 he made a reconnaissance of the Greenland inland ice cap east of Disco Bay, 70 degrees north latitude. In June, 1891, he left his country at the head of the Arctic expedition of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and reached Independence Bay, 81 degrees and 37 minutes north latitude. He returned from that trip in September, 1892. Lieutenant Peary also discovered and named Melville Land and Heilpin Land, lying beyond Greenland, and was first to determine the insularity of Greenland, for which he received the Cullum medal of the American Geographical Society, the patrons' medal of the Royal Geographical Society of London, and a medal from the Royal Scottish Geographical Society of Edinburgh.

He began another Arctic voyage in 1893, which occupied nearly two years. During it he made a thorough study of the little tribe of Arctic highlanders. It was also upon this expedition that he discovered the famous Iron Mountain, which proved to be three meteorites, one of them weighing ninety tons and being the largest ever discovered. He failed to reach the northern end of Greenland upon this, his third trip.

**Trip of 1898-1902.**  
From 1898 to 1902 he was commander of the Arctic expedition under the auspices of the Peary Arctic Club of New York City. Upon that trip he rounded the northern extremity of the Greenland Archipelago, the last of the greater Arctic land groups. He named the northern cape the most northerly known land in the world at 81 degrees 39 minutes north latitude, Cape Morris K. Jessup. He also reached the highest north ever attained by man in the Eastern Hemisphere, 84 degrees 17 minutes north latitude. He was awarded the Kane gold medal of the Philadelphia Geographical Society, and the Daly gold medal of the American Geographical Society.

He was elected president of the American Geographical Society in January, 1903; is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, honorary member of the Philadelphia Geographical Society and the American Alpine Club and honorary vice-president of the Alaska Geographical Society.

In 1905 he fitted out a new ship and sailed on another polar expedition. When Commander Peary started on his fifth Arctic trip last summer he was in a position to reach the pole in fifteen months. He carried with him, however, supplies for three years.

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## COOK WELCOMES PEARY'S SUCCESS

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turn up now. He is about due to get back, if he carried out his plans. We have always been friends. While, of course, we were rivals in the attempt to find the pole, we have been friendly rivals."

**Say Cook Will Avoid Dispute.**

Those who have had the best opportunities to become acquainted with Dr. Cook here believe that he is not likely to enter into a controversy with Commander Peary.

Sverdrup, who came here for the purpose of congratulating Dr. Cook, was most interested in the news that Peary had reached the pole. Sverdrup is a remarkably tactful and careful man. He said:

"There is nothing I can say about this particularly, except that it is most important and wonderful. It seems to me that America is doing wonderfully well. Two Americans are the first men to get to the pole after such long struggles by so many men of different nationalities."

**Recognized by Sweden.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6.—The King of Sweden officially has recognized Dr. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole.  
Minister Egan, at Copenhagen, has informed the State Department under yesterday's date in effect that the King, through the Swedish minister at Copenhagen, has congratulated the government of the United States on the occasion of Dr. Cook's discovery.

## "ROOSEVELT" BUILT FOR POLAR TRIP

All that experience and all that the cunning of the naval architect could suggest were combined in Commander Peary's ship, which he built for his final effort to reach the North Pole. Fashioned of unusual strength and guided and armored as was never Arctic craft before, it was Commander Peary's belief that he could force his

way through the interfering ice until he had carried his vessel within reasonably easy striking distance of the topmost point of the globe.

The ship is not large, but she is of ample size for the work cut out for her, and everything was done to make her handy and serviceable. Her principal dimensions are: Length on lower water-line, between perpendiculars, 161 feet; length over all, 181 feet; beam, maximum, at load water-line, 32 feet; beam, maximum, over guard strake, 31 feet; 2 inches; mean draft, 16 feet; full load displacement, about 1,300 tons.

**He Get Up Massive.**

The structural get-up of the craft is very massive, and the stem, sternpost, keel, keelsons, and frames are all of very carefully selected white oak, fastened and secured with exceptional thoroughness. The frames, molded at least sixteen inches and at head ten inches, are spaced only twenty-four inches apart, from center to center. Immediately over the frames are laid diagonal struts of steel, making a lattice lacing from bow to stern and from stern to bow, leaving rectangular openings between, six feet square. On each side over the struts is laid a double course of five-inch planking, the inner course of yellow pine or spruce, and the outer course of well-seasoned white oak. Between the two courses is spread a sheathing of tarred hemp or tarred canvas. The corners are secured to the frames very thoroughly, and the outer course, after it was most carefully calked, was overlaid with extra heavy sheet copper. Inside, the frames were covered with three-inch yellow-pine ceiling, and the utmost caution was exercised during construction to insure thorough watertightness and to have the vessel warm and weatherproof. The beams are of yellow pine, and likewise made of exceptional stoutness. The main deck beams are spaced four feet apart, from center to center, or on every other frame. The lower beams are spaced directly under the deck beams. All of these beams are well anchored, and most extensively tied by numerous through-bolts riveted up inside. To provide still greater seaworthiness, strength, each beam is supported by heavy diagonal braces of yellow pine, likewise well anchored and through-bolts. To give greater vertical stiffness, each beam is supported by tapered struts of steel and wrought-iron piping, so arranged that they may be set up from time to time during

construction, thus to provide against any sag developed in building and to insure a most rigid support. As can be seen, the craft is built to withstand very heavy pressures acting normally to the sides, bilges and bottom; and the shape of her cross-section is such as to tend to raise the vessel out of water as the ice pack presses upon her below water. A heavy white oak guard, eight inches by twenty inches, is worked abreast of the plank sheer from stem to stern, and so securely fastened to the frames, plank sheer, and waterway, that it is able to support the weight of the entire ship. On the face and under side, this guard strake is protected by a heavy angle-bar of steel. The purpose of this guard strake is two-fold: First, to add greatly to the longitudinal stiffness of the ship, and second, to serve to lift the craft out of water, either by jacks placed upon the ice or by the upward pressure of the ice pack itself catching under the counter of the guard. The first operation is to relieve the ship should she be frozen in—her own weight, in resting again, combined with the wedge-like form of bow and stern, being enough to break a wide crevasse in the ice, thus opening clear a way for progress. The second operation is automatic, and relieves the ship from the grinding, crushing effect of gathering ice packs in motion. To take the worst of the rub of passing ice, the bow, the stern, and the waterline was armored. The bow protection consists of one-inch steel plating worked from the keel up to three feet above the water-line, and extending at least ten feet. The stern protection is of like strength, reaching from the keel up above the water-line, and extending forward for fourteen feet. The waterline armoring, extending completely between the bow and the stern, is five feet wide, one foot only being above board at load draft. The main deck is planked with three-inch by four-inch yellow pine most carefully calked, and the deck coverings, of stout white oak, are nearly as high as the top of the bulwarks, thereby adding to the effective freeboard of the ship.

**Comfortable Quarters.**

The vessel carries two deck houses, and the forward one, which is portable, is large enough to accommodate Commander Peary, the scientific staff and the officers of the ship.

The living spaces are comfortably but very simply finished, and the ship is heated by steam and lighted both by electricity and by oil lamps.

The motive power consists of a single, inverted, compound engine, driving a single ten-foot screw, and steam is supplied by two water-tube boilers. Under forced draft, the engine is able to develop 1,400 indicated horsepower, and under natural draft, 1,200 indicated horsepower. The bunker capacity is 700 tons of coal.

There is a steam capstan and steam steering gear.

The vessel's rig is rather unusual, but is sufficient in spread of canvas to make her manageable under sail alone. The individual sails were designed to make it easy for a small crew to handle them. The standing rigging is of galvanized steel wire rope. The foremast and the mainmast are single sticks. A crew's nest was carried on the mainmast.

Commander Peary's indomitable will and physical force are wonderfully, though passively, graven in every line of the sturdy craft that was designed to bear him farther north than ship yet has broken her way.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Tuesday; light, variable winds.  
North Carolina—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; light, variable winds.

**CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.**  
Partly cloudy. Thermometer at midnight, 65.

Place	Ther.	H. T.	Weather.
Asheville	61	72	P. cloudy
Augusta	61	72	P. cloudy
Atlanta	73	80	Clear
Chicago	69	70	Clear
Charlotte	70	78	P. cloudy
Charleston	74	78	Clear
Detroit	68	70	Cloudy
Galveston	62	66	Clear
Hartford	63	66	Clear
Jacksonville	78	86	P. cloudy
Kansas City	63	67	Rain
Key West	80	86	Clear
Kempville	84	84	Clear
Mobile	84	84	Clear
New York	66	70	Clear
New Orleans	82	92	Rain
Philadelphia	64	66	Clear
Oklahoma City	78	82	Rain
Savannah	74	80	Cloudy
Tampa	80	80	Cloudy
Wash. D. C.	68	70	Windy
Yellowstone	67	72	Rain

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## NANTICOKE CREW RETURNS

Suspected Vessel Delivered to Government of Venezuela.

NEW YORK, September 6.—Captain Tidmarsh and twenty-five members of the crew of the steamer Nanticoke, which was delivered to the government of Venezuela, returned to New York to-day on the steamer Garano.